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Subject: Implementation of Ban on single use plastic in campus of Higher Education Institutions.

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

As we all recognize, the urgency to reduce our reliance on plastic, particularly single-use plastics, has never been more critical. The detrimental effects of these materials extend far beyond immediate convenience; they pose severe long-term challenges that threaten our environment, public health, waste management systems, and involve significant cleanup costs. It is imperative that we take decisive and immediate action to phase out single-use plastics from our daily lives.

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) play a vital and multifaceted role in addressing this pressing issue. They not only educate students on the importance of environmental stewardship but also engage in impactful research that fosters a deeper understanding of sustainable practices. By connecting with local communities and encouraging activism, HEIs can cultivate a sense of ethical citizenship among their students and faculty, ultimately contributing to a more informed and socially responsible society.

To support this mission, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has developed guidelines aimed at curbing plastic use within Higher Education Institutions. These guidelines have been disseminated for adoption, and the UGC regularly issues advisories encouraging HEIs to lessen their plastic consumption, particularly focusing on single-use items and proper disposal methods for plastic waste. For your convenience, a copy of these guidelines is attached.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

As we move forward, we again urge Higher Education Institutions to amplify their efforts in tackling the pervasive issue of single-use plastics. This initiative is crucial not only for protecting our environment but also for safeguarding human health, addressing waste management challenges, combating climate change, and promoting economic sustainability. Implementing such a ban can catalyze a transformative shift towards the adoption of more sustainable materials and practices, ultimately benefiting both our planet and society as a whole.

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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

“Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign”

UGC Guidelines for Ban of Plastic Use in Higher Education Institutions

Whereas plastic waste has emerged as one of the biggest environmental concerns adversely impacting the soil, water, health and well-being of citizens at large;

Whereas excess-consumption of plastic combined with limited waste disposal systems has become a challenge to the urban waste disposal systems, and has choked the rivers and water systems in rural areas;

Whereas the time has come for a systematic campaign to reduce the usage of plastic, especially the single use plastic;

Whereas the Government has decided to take plastic ban as a national level campaign to address the environmental hazards being and bring attitudinal changes that shun use of plastics; and

Whereas the educational institutions have the unique spread and influence to educate the students and households on the need for avoiding usage of plastics,

University Grants Commission hereby issues the following guidelines for all the higher educational institutions in the Country:

Guidelines

1. Scope of guidelines:

- (a) These guidelines are applicable to all the higher educational institutions (HEIs) in the Country.
- (b) They encourage HEIs (universities and colleges) to adopt policies and practices towards cleaner and plastic free campuses.

2. All the HEIs in the Country shall strive to make their campuses 'plastic-free' by systematically banning use of plastics and replacing the same with suitable environmental friendly substitutes.

3. Every HEI shall:

- a. Ban use of single-use plastics in canteens, shopping complexes in the institution's premises and hostels, etc.
- b. Carry out awareness drives and sensitization workshops on the harmful impacts of single use plastics.
- c. Mandate all students to avoid bringing non-bio-degradable plastic items to the institution.
- d. Encourage their students to sensitize their respective households about harmful effects of plastics and make their households 'plastic free'
- e. Install necessary alternative facilities like water units to avoid the use of plastic water bottles, and encourage use of alternative solutions like cloth bags, paper bags etc., instead of plastic bottles, bags, covers and other goods on campuses.

4. All HEIs which have adopted villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan shall undertake a campaign in their adopted villages till they are converted into 'plastic-free villages' through promoting awareness and encouraging shift to alternative products.



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D.O. No.F.1-54/2019 (Website/Swachhata Hi Sewa)

30th August, 2019

Subject: Participation in 'Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign'

Respected Sir/ Madam,

'Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign' is being launched by the Government of India from September 11, 2019 to October 2, 2019 with the aim to eliminate use of plastic and to dispose plastic waste. Towards achieving this objective through the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), detailed guidelines are enclosed herewith which may be adopted in universities and colleges.

2. Further, the following activities may be undertaken:

- a) Starting from 11th September till 2nd October 2019, all students in every HEIs may be encouraged to do **Shramdaan** picking up any plastic waste in their surroundings and bringing them to a central location in the institution.
- b) The plastic waste so collected may be disposed off in consultation with the District/Municipal/Gram Panchayat administration on 2nd October so that it could be used for effective recycling or in road-construction or in cement industry.

3. Universities and their affiliated colleges are requested to upload the information with regard to the number of students, teachers, staff and officials who have participated in this campaign along with photographs and videos on the **University Activity Monitoring Portal** of UGC (<https://www.ugc.ac.in/uamp/>) under the event Swachhata Hi Sewa **latest by 05:00 pm on 2nd October, 2019.**

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

To
The Vice Chancellors of all the Universities.



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D.O.No.14-9/2021 (CPP-II)

June 7, 2021

Sub: Elimination of Single Use Plastic- reg.

Respect Madam/Sir,

This is in continuation to UGC letter D.O.No.F.1-54/2019 (Website/Swachhata Hi Sewa) dated 30.09.2019, requesting Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to reduce the use of plastic, especially single use of plastic and dispose off plastic waste. UGC also framed guidelines which are to be adopted in HEIs. These guidelines are available on UGC website.

In order to achieve the objective of Elimination of Single Use of Plastic, following approaches could be adopted by HEIs to target different group:

- Essay competition among students.
- Activities by organization like NCC, NSS, Nehru Yuva Kendra etc.
- Hackathons among students and start-ups to promote innovation in the areas of alternate materials, recycling, circular economy etc.

All the Higher Educational Institutions and their affiliated colleges/institutes are requested again to undertake approaches suggested above following strict adherence to the Government Guidelines/Protocols on Covid-19 and upload the relevant information on University Activity Monitoring Portal (UAMP) of UGC (<https://www.ugc.ac.in/uamp>)

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

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8th October, 2021

Respected Madam/Sir,

This is in continuation to UGC letter D.O.No.F.1-54/2019(Website/Swachhata Hi Sewa) dated 30.09.2019 and D.O. No. 14-9/2021(CPP-II) dated 07.06.2021, requesting HEIs to reduce the use of plastic, especially single use of plastic and dispose off plastic waste. UGC also framed guidelines in this regard which are to be adopted in HEIs.

As you are aware, the Government of India has launched a 75 weeklong campaign 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to celebrate the achievements of the country and its people. This campaign not only commemorates the achievements but also motivates and encourages citizens to take positive steps for the growth of the country.

"Awareness programmes to avoid the use of single use plastics" has been identified as one of themes for the campaign with a view to gather momentum, scale visibility and outreach. A suggested list of such single use plastic items is attached. Awareness generation may also be brought out on the recently notified Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021, wherein, identified single use plastic item, which have low utility and high littering potential, will be phased out by 2022.

All the Universities and affiliated colleges/institutes are requested to make the awareness programme impactfully in order to avoid use of single use plastics have maximum visibility as part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and share action taken report on the list of activities undertaken on the email ebsbmhrd19@gmail.com.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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October 13, 2021

Respected Madam/Sir,

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All the Universities and affiliated colleges/institutes are requested to organize the awareness programme impactfully in order to avoid use of single use plastics as part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and share action taken report on the list of activities undertaken on University Activity Monitoring Portal (UAMP) of UGC (<https://www.ugc.ac.in/uamp>)

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Annexure I

Campaign to reduce/eliminate use of littered single use plastic

A. Do not use disposable single-use plastic items:

- Plastic/ thermocol (polystyrene) disposable cutlery including plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, trays, straws, stirrers used for serving eatables/drinks.
- [Thermocol] for decoration, Plastic flags
- wrapping or packing films around gifts and invitation cards
- plastic or PVC (flex) banners less than 100 micron,

B. Discourage use of the following:

- Plastic carry bags;
- Artificial plastic flowers;
- PET plastic water bottles especially less than 1 litre;
- Plastic folders and
- Any other plastic material for which an alternative exists.